

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 6-8, 10-12, 14, amend claims 1, 3-5, 9, 13, 15, and 16, and add new claims 17-20. Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1. (Currently amended) A modularized system for reading from and/or writing to optical media, the system~~An apparatus for retrieving data from a detachable drive comprising:~~

a playing device configured to engage with two or more modular components;
a first modular component configured to engage with the playing device, the first
modular component including a housing and an optical reading and/or
writing device at least partially disposed within the housing, the reading
and/or writing device being operably coupled with the playing device when
the first modular component is engaged with the playing device; and
a second modular component configured to engage with the playing device, the
second modular component having a memory that stores an encoding
and/or decoding program operable by the playing device to write to and/or
read from optical media at the first modular component.

~~a detachable box;~~

~~a signal import and export device installed in said detachable box;~~

~~a playing platform for said detachable box being detached inside said playing platform; and~~

~~a decoding module connecting to and positioned inside said playing platform for outputting said data to a display facility.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Current amended) The apparatus~~system~~ of claim 21, wherein ~~said the~~ optical reading and/or writing device includes is a CD and/or DVD writable drive.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus-system of claim 1, wherein said the second modular component includes an decoding module-is a-MPEG encoder and/or decoder.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus-system of claim 1, wherein the playing device outputs one or more signals decoded by the second modular component, the one or more signals being readable by an audio and/or video device said display facility is a televisionoperably coupled with the playing device.

6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the first modular component engages with the playing device at a top side of the playing device. An apparatus for retrieving data from a detachable drive comprising:

a data-reading-and-writing drive to read and write said data stored in an optical disk;

a detachable box for holding said data reading and writing drive;

a player for carrying said detachable box on the top of said player, further connected to said data reading and writing drive for playing said data accessed by said data reading and writing drive; and

an encoding/decoding module for providing an encoding/decoding program required by said data reading and writing drive.

10-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus-system of claim 91, wherein further comprising a third modular component configured to engage with the first modular component in a stacked arrangement, wherein the third modular component is operably coupled with the playing device when stacked upon the first modular component, plurality of said detachable box are piled up together on the top of said player, one by one, in order to access data from the various sources and to simultaneously process said data and further to play and to write back in.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus-system~~ of claim 14; wherein the first modular component is operably coupled with the playing device via an IEEE 1394 based communication link. ~~said industrial transmission connector and protocol is a 1394 connector and protocol.~~

16. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus-system~~ of claim 14; wherein said ~~industrial transmission connector and protocol is a USB connector and protocol.~~ the first modular component is operably coupled with the playing device via a universal serial bus (USB) link.

17. (New) A modularized device for reading from and/or writing to optical media, the device comprising:

- a first modular component including a housing means and means for optically reading from and/or writing to optical media, the means for optically reading and/or writing being at least partially disposed within the housing means;
- a second modular component including means for storing an encoding and/or decoding program; and
- a playing unit configured to engage with the first and second modular components, the playing unit operably coupling the means for optically reading and/or writing with the means for storing the encoding and/or decoding program when engaged with the first and second modular components.

18. (New) The device of claim 17 wherein the first and second modular components are configured to read from and/or write to the optical media in a data format that includes at least one of CD-ROM, CD-RW, DVD-ROM, DVD-RW, DVD-Audio, and SACD.

19. (New) The device of claim 17 wherein the means for optically reading and/or writing comprises a first means for optically reading and/or writing, and wherein the device further comprises a third modular component including a second means for

optically reading and/or writing operably coupled with the means for storing the encoding and/or decoding program when the playing unit is engaged with the second and third modular components.

20. (New) The device of claim 17 wherein the means for storing the encoding and/or decoding program comprises a first means for storing the encoding and/or decoding program, and wherein the device further comprises a third modular component including a second means for storing the encoding and/or decoding program operably coupled with the means for optically reading and/or writing when the playing unit is engaged with the first and third modular components.